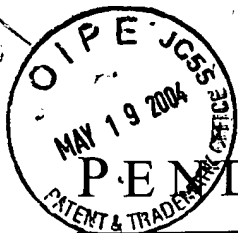


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This is a request for continued examination (RCE) of pending prior parent Application No. **09/830,732** filed on August 17, 2001, entitled "CASE-SAFE SYSTEM."

This application is being filed under 37 CFR 1.114.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Michael Kyle in Group Art Unit **3676**.

Entry of Amendment C filed herewith is respectfully requested.

An executed Declaration of Inventorship was filed in the parent application. No new matter is being introduced by Amendment C.

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